





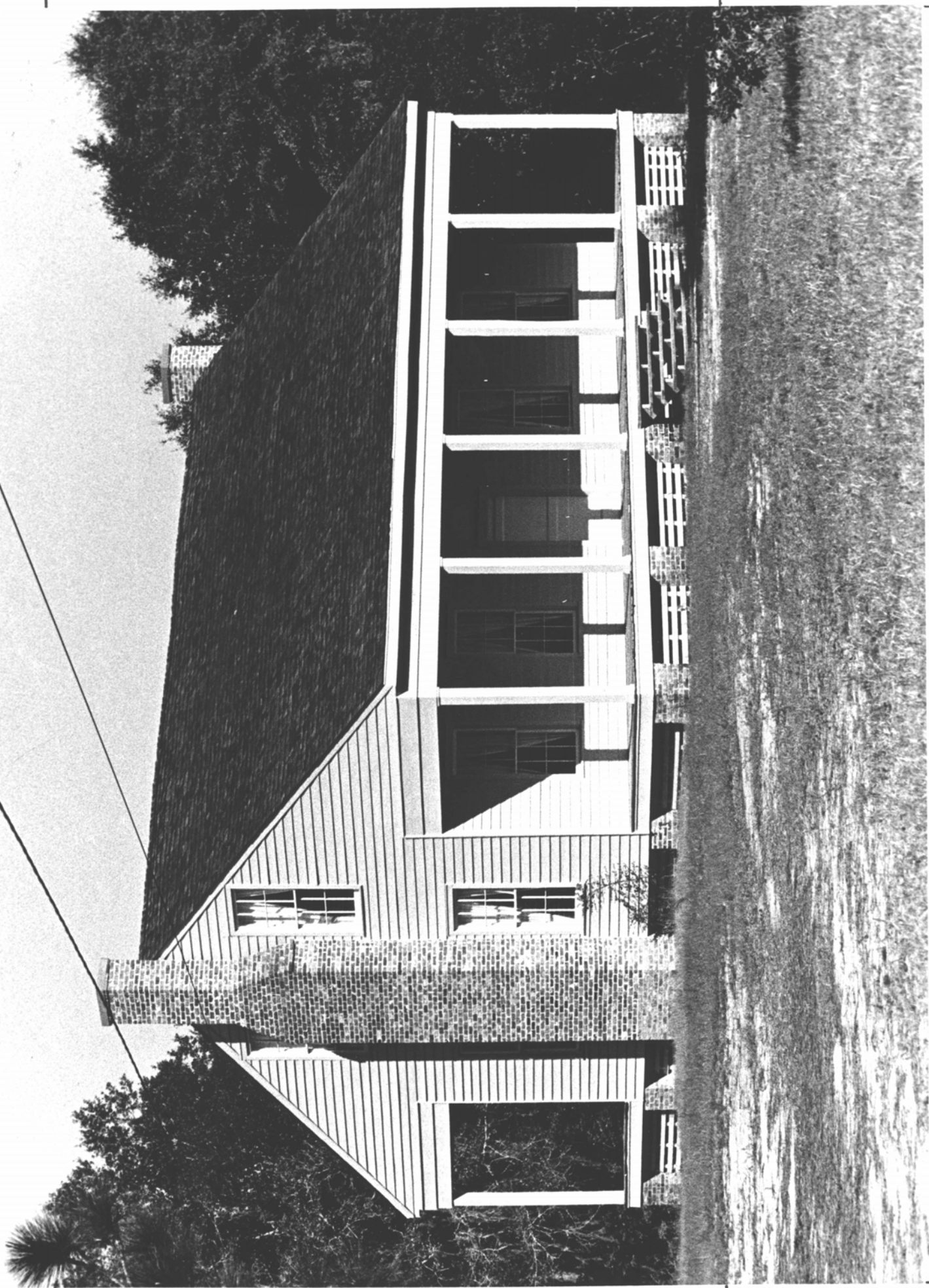
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Florida		8LE175	
COUNTY Leon			
FOR NPS USE ONLY			
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE		
1. NAME			
COMMON: Bellevue			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Home of Princess Murat - Murat House			
2. LOCATION 3945 Museum Drive (KCH 2-18 97)			
STREET AND NUMBER: Moved from original location on Jackson Bluff Road to site adjoining Tallahassee Junior Museum in 1967.			
CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Florida	12	Leon	073
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Bureau of Historic Preservation			
DATE OF PHOTO: September 8, 1970			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
Bureau of Historic Preservation, Department of State			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Frontal view - on site adjoining Tallahassee Junior Museum			



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Form 10-100  
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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Bellevue	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	
Home of Princess Murat - Murat House	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Moved from original location on Jackson Bluff 3945 Museum Dr. Road to site adjoining Tallahassee Junior Museum in 1967.			
CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee			
STATE Florida	CODE 12	COUNTY: Leon	CODE 073

KCH 2-8-97

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
Comments _____ _____			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Tallahassee Heritage Foundation			
STREET AND NUMBER: Ney Landrum, Director, Division of Recreation and Parks, Larson Building			
CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee	STATE: Florida	CODE 12	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Leon County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: Monroe Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee	STATE: Florida	CODE 12	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey Historic Sites Survey 1940 & Tallahassee Historic Buildings			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936-40 [ ] Federal [x] State [ ] County [x] Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: State Planning Board & Bureau of Historic Preservation			
STREET AND NUMBER: The Capitol			
CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee	STATE: Florida	CODE 12	

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SEE SITE FILE STAFF FOR  
ORIGINAL PHOTO(S) OR MAP(S)

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This is a one and a half story frame dwelling, Early American style architecture, with a gable roof and a square columned porch across the front. Three dormer windows on front light the second half story. Before relocation, it sat on a hill two miles west of the center of Tallahassee, surrounded by great oaks and magnolias. It was on a 500 acre plantation acquired from Mrs. Murat's sister, Mrs. Samuel Duval, in satisfaction of a debt. Princess Murat, the wife of Prince Archille Murat, who was the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, filled the house with elegant fine china, crystal and linen. She entertained here frequently and lived here until her death in 1867.</p> <p>Some of the original landscape plantings were still evident at the original site and will be duplicated at the new location.</p> <p>The house was moved from its original site on Jackson Bluff Road, west of Tallahassee, to a site adjacent to the Tallahassee Junior Museum, or Big Bend Pioneer Farm in 1967. It is being carefully restored by the Tallahassee Heritage Foundation.</p>	

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## SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☐ 18th Century | ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century | ☐ 17th Century | ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering          | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry             | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art          | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature           | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military             | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant because of the individuals associated with it. Prince Archille Murat, nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, was the son of Joachim Murat and Napoleon's youngest sister, Caroline. His father and mother were proclaimed King and Queen of Naples by Napoleon for his father's military service as a general. Prince Murat came to America to live with his Uncle Joseph, Napoleon's brother, in New Jersey. He made his way to Florida first settling in St. Augustine then to Tallahassee where he married a great-grand niece of George Washington, Catherine Daingerfield Willis. They had a plantation home called "Lipona" near Wacissa in Jefferson County, where they entertained the most prominent personages in the territory. After the Prince's death in 1847, the Princess "Kate" acquired the 500 acre plantation and home from her sister and named it Bellevue after a hotel in Belgium where she and the Prince spent many happy months. She was active in behalf of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Her slaves were so devoted they refused to leave her even after the war. Shortly before her death in 1867, she was awarded a small income by the French government.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Williams, Prof. Arthur, Papers written in 1924 (State Library), The State, Tallahassee: Vol. 1, Aug. 8, 1931 - Oct. 22, 1931.  
 Davis, Mary Lamar, from a report to Allen Morris, member of the County Historic Preservation Committee, 1959.  
 Whitridge, Arnold, "Emerson; a Prophet Not Without Honour" History Today, Feb., 1966 (British Publication)

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		J. P. Schuck, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation	
ORGANIZATION		DATE	
Department of State		5/22/70	
STREET AND NUMBER:			
The Capitol			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Tallahassee	Florida	12	

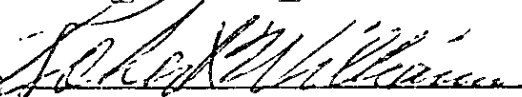
## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name


Title State Liaison OfficerDate December 18, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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MAR 11 1979

Mr. Robert Williams  
Director  
Division of Archives  
History & Records Management  
Department of State  
401 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Lawton Chiles and Edward J. Gurney and the appropriate Representatives are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for each of the property owners. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Signed 

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

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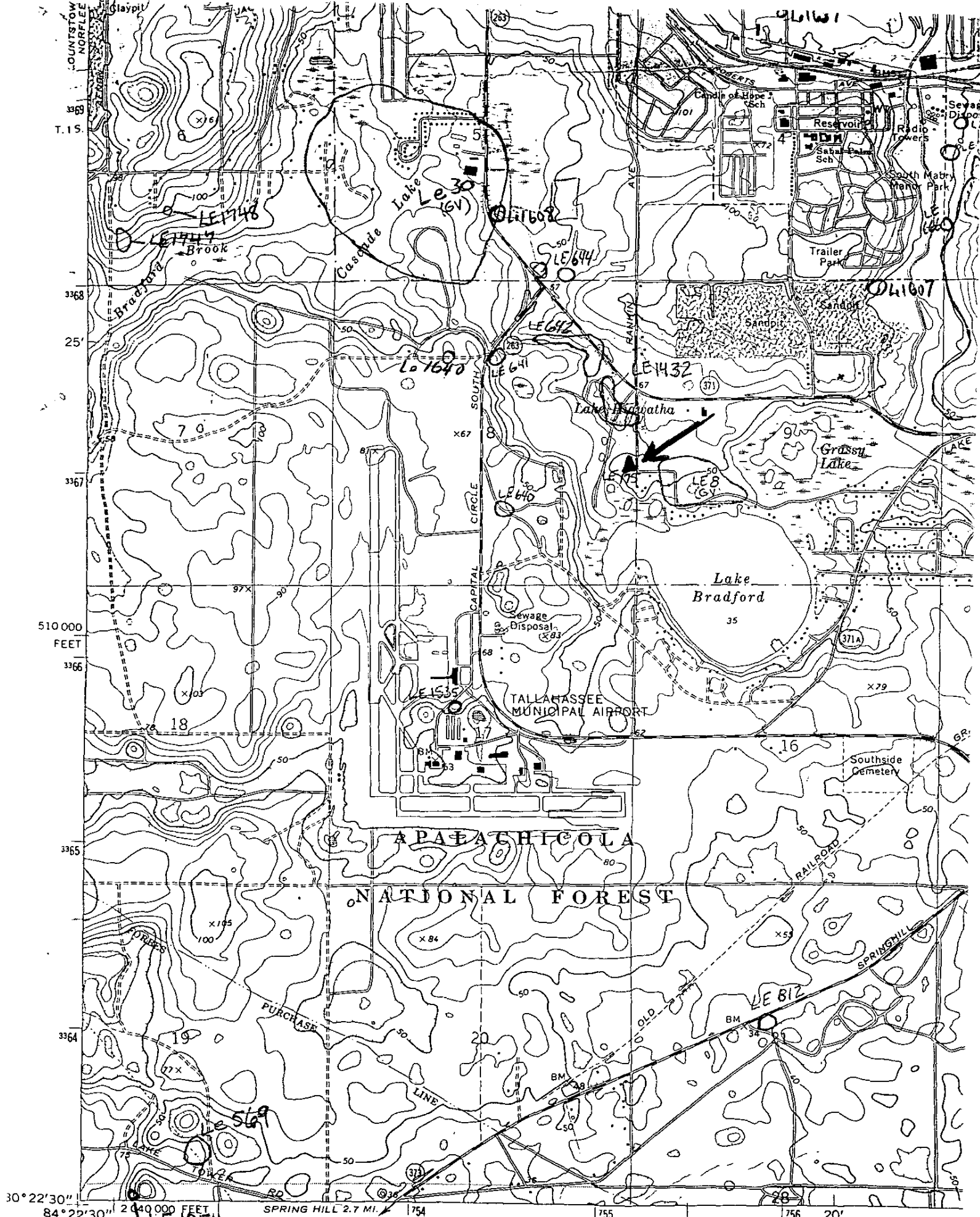
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